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REMARKS

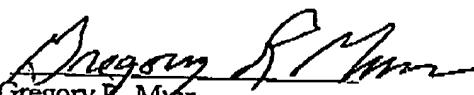
Claims 73-88 are pending. The Office Action rejected claims 73-83 and 86-88 under 103(a) over Aubuchon (US pub. 2004/0165250) in view of Chinn (US pub. 2003/0080082).

The above rejections are respectfully traversed.

Specifically, claim 73 expressly recites, among other features, a step of preparing the vapor phase etchant recipe such that the mean-free-path of the etchant recipe is equal to or less than the minimum thickness of the one or more sacrificial layers. The Examiner indicated that "Aubuchon ... does not specifically disclose preparing a vapor phase etchant recipe such that the mean-free-path of the etchant recipe is equal to or less than the minimum thickness of the one or more sacrificial layers; and removing the sacrificial layers using the prepared etchant recipe." The Examiner further indicated that Chinn discloses such feature in section [0031] and [0032]. However, the undersigned can not find relevant disclosures or suggestions to this in sections including [0031] and [0032] of Chinn. Did the Examiner intend to refer to another paragraph (which hasn't been found) or another reference? Without a teaching or suggestion, in either Aubuchon or Chinn, of the combination of the features in claim 1 including the recited mean-free-path, it is believed no prima facie case has been established; and the rejection should be withdrawn.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are respectfully requested. In the event any fees are required in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 501516.

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